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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMERON, Amoy, Wilson, Nicholls & Co. Foochow, HADZ & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KELLY & WALKER, Manila, C. HARRISON & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—H. HOPKINS, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq. E. R. BEILLON, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. Ed. TOBIN, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "

LEGAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business. Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

For Sale.

SEEDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received their new Season's FLOWER, VEGETABLE and GRASS SEEDS, from Messrs SUTTON & Sons of Reading. A List may be had on Application. Hongkong, August 22, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A PAIR of Condensing ENGINES and BOILER; Cylinders 11 x 7, Shafting and Propeller Complete.

Two Pairs of LAUNCH ENGINES, with Shafting and Propellers Complete, Cylinders 5 x 6; being nearly alike would be suitable for Twin Screws.

One Small Single ENGINE and BOILER with Shafting and Propeller, suitable for a Gig.

The above may be seen on the premises of the Undersigned, and will be Sold Cheap. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell at Low PRICES a Small Lot of LADIES' JEWELRY, WATCHES, &c.—Inspection is invited. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE.

ON and after MONDAY, August 13th, We shall offer the remaining portion of our SUMMER STOCK at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

A few pieces of SOILED SILKS MARKED, less than Lining Prices, 20 Cents per Yard.

A nice Assortment of NEW FANCY DRESS SILKS, at 75 Cents per Yard.

Japanese POPLINS, at 25 Cents per Yard. New White WASHING DRESS GOODS, 15 Cents, worth double.

New Colours PLAIN ORGANDI MUSLINS, 25 Cents per Yard.

Figured and Striped MUSLINS, 15 Cents per Yard.

White Striped MUSLINS, Slightly Soiled—were 45 Cents, will be Sold at 15 Cents per Yard.

Estates, French Printed CAMBRICS, Hollands and Dress Lawns much reduced.

Fancy Striped GRENADINES at about Half Price.

We shall include in this Extraordinary Sale a few pieces of AUTUMN DRESS GOODS at a proportionate reduction.

WASHING COSTUMES, ready-made, from \$2.00.

Richly Embroidered HOLLAND and other COSTUMES, from \$3.00.

A part of our Stock of Baby-Linen and Ladies' UNDERCLOTHING will be very much reduced.

BOYS' SUITS at about Half Price. 100 Doz. Ladies' Hem-stitched HANDKERCHIEFS, some Slightly Soiled worth buying.

Linen COLLARS and CUFFS, FICHUS, &c., must be cleared.

A Lot of Ladies' Soiled KID BOOTS, will be Sold at \$1.00 per Pair.

Several Thousand Yards of ODDS and ENDS, and various useful Remnants at Half usual Price.

A Lot of various Colours and Sorts of SILK and other TRIMMINGS at a quarter of original price.

Twenty-five Dozen of Ladies' SILK UMBRELLAS, at \$2.00 each.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be carried on as usual.

Much disappointment to many intending Buyers was caused through the closing of last Summer's Sale without published notice.

We now beg to notify—this Sale will positively Close on September 1st, 1877.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, and Stanley Street, Hongkong.

FOR SALE.

GENUINE BREAKFAST CLARET, in Draught at \$1 per Gallon, Every Day.

C. L. THEVENIN, Queen's Road, No. 44. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public of Hongkong that he has just received by Steamers *Albatross* and *Cassandra*, one of the best selections of BRANDY and FRENCH WINES, such as Chateau Lafite, Chateau Leoville, Pichon Longueville, Chateau Latour, Chateau Larose, plums and quarts, &c.

BRANDY.—Robin Freres, blue, red and white caps.

LIQUEURS from Bordeaux, Cognac, Anisette, &c., &c.

A List of Prices can be obtained on application.

C. L. THEVENIN, 44, Queen's Road. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR SALE. CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE. BERLIN TIVOLI BEER, in Cases of 4 Doz. Quarts.

WIELER & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

FOR SALE. HAMPAGNE 1874, REIDSIECK & Co.'s MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

FOR SALE. A SMALL Twin Screw STEAM LAUNCH, 35 Feet Long, Built by FORBES of LONDON. For further particulars apply to Captain CLARK, on Board British Barque *Nimrod*.

Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

NOW READY. A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS and a HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON

TUESDAY.

the 28th day of August, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 2, College Gardens, property of a Gentleman, and owing to Change of Residence.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—English-made Walnut Centre Table, Mahogany Green Rep-covered Drawing-room Suite, English-made Whatnot with Glass, Pier Glass, Engravings, Carpets, and Hearth-rugs.

Teakwood Extension Dining Table, English-made Mahogany Sideboard, Whatnots, and Dining Chairs, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware and Plated-ware.

American-made Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Marble Clocks, Chest of Drawers, Bookcase, Blackwood Marble-top Tea Poy, Toilet Table and Glass, Washstands, &c., &c.

And, A Cottage PIANO, by J. Broadwood and Sons, especially imported for the climate.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 27th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, August 21, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from W. H. Mossor, Esq., Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong, to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st day of September, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Sales Rooms of the Undersigned.

The American Barkentine "ROSINA,"

Of 406 Tons Register or thereabouts, as she now lies in the Harbour of Hongkong, with Two Suits of Working SAILS, One Suit NEW SAILS, 1,500 superficial feet LUMBER, PROVISIONS, CHAINS, ANCHORS, BOATS, and all her Appurtenances.

The Vessel was Remetalled and Repaired in New York, in December, 1874, and there classed "A1," for Four Years in American Lloyd's. She was again Remetalled and Repaired at Melbourne, in November, 1876, at a Cost of about £1,000 and supplied with the New Suit of Sails referred to at a Cost of over £200, and was then certified by the Surveyor to the Merchant Shipping and Underwriters Association Limited, as being fit to Carry Dry and Perishable Cargo to any part of the World. She Carries 580 tons of Coals or 800 tons Light Cargo of 40 cubic feet, 9,000 piculs of Rice on 14 feet Draft. She is a fast Sailing Vessel, and is in Complete Order for Sea on the shortest notice.

She has Four BOW TIMBER PORTS, two in the Lower Hold 32 x 32 inches, and two in the Tween Decks 40 x 28 inches.

For further Particulars and Inventory, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

The Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer. Hongkong, August 25, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

At a Date hereafter to be named,—The British Barque

"ALPHINGTON,"

of 326 Tons Register or of about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years.

She was Remetalled over Felt in London in July, 1876.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, August 25, 1877.

Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having been Appointed SOLE AGENTS in HONGKONG for the well-known Firm of Messrs HOBOKEN DE BIE & TORLEY of ROTTERDAM, call attention to the high quality of their GENEVA.

LOST.—On MONDAY, 20th Instant, in the neighbourhood of the COURT HOUSE, a Bunch of KEYS, any one finding the same and giving it to the REGISTRAR will be Rewarded.

Hongkong, August 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE. D. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September.

Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR of HONGKONG; and to H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex S. S. *Tigre*, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Emblems of British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes, Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 28, 1877.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned begs to remind his Customers and the Public generally that he still carries on his PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS in No. 8 A, LOWER WINDHAM STREET; and that he has no connection whatever with the Establishment recently opened in Queen's Road, under the Name and Style of AFONG & Co.

AFONG, No. 8 A, Windham Street, Hongkong, August 14, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE. THE DEPARTURE of the Company's S. S. "CHINA" has been POSTPONED to the 30th Instant, at 3 P.M.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, August 14, 1877.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th June last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after FRIDAY, the 17th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. AN Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 11th September, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions passed at the Meeting of Shareholders held this Day.

By Order, W. H. RAY, Secretary. Hongkong, August 21, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of the Business Contributed for the Half-year ended June 30th, 1877, on or before the 31st Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, August 13, 1877.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES and PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW & HAIPHONG. The Steamship "HOLYROOD" will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, August 28th, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, August 28, 1877.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. J. E. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, August 28, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. 1. American Barkentine "WILLIAM COBB," having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here and/or at Whampoa for the above Port and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A. 1. British Barque "BON ACCORD," W. SCOTT, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. 1. British Bark "ABERLADY," J. NICOLL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. 1. British Barque "GLASGOW," HASTINGS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. 1. German Ship "JOHANN," BUNNE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A. 1. British Barque "GEO. CROSLAW," GEO. IRVING, Master, will have early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 28, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A. 1. British Bark "ROBERT HENDERSON," GUNN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, June 11, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG. The A. 1. British Bark "LORD MACAULAY," Capt. MORRIS, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A. 1. British Bark "VICTORIA," W. D. TERMELE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, July 23, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A. 1. American Ship "A. S. DAVIS," J. W. FORD, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.
R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. aol8

NOTICE.
FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr F. E. EDWELL at Amoy.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.
M. R. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.
SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.
S. S. TIGRE.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 9 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.
Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 28th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 21, 1877. au28

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship BELGIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877. au31

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
LOUDDON CASTLE.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr A. MCG. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 1st Proximo will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 25, 1877. aol

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. ASSAM AND INDUS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessels, from London, Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer NEPAUL from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.
Goods not delivered by the 1st Septemb. r will be subject to rent.
ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 25, 1877. aol

GERMAN BARK ADOLPH, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 5, 1877.

TO LET.

Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. The Dwelling House No. 6, Gough Street. The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough Street. Possession from 1st September next.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately occupied by the Rev. R. H. KID. "Blossom Villa," Pok-foo-jum, furnished.
DAVID BASSON, BONS & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1877.

INTIMATIONS.

AN YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya Wai.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS.
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr AN YON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mol19

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wiel & Co.
TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dalargy.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
PENSAR, British barque, Captain John S. Atrey.—Meyer & Co.
NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.—Order.
SINDIA, British ship, Capt. Lightbody.—Russell & Co.
FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. Schwert.—Molchers & Co.
SARACEN, British ship, Captain Le Boeuf.—Captain.
ULOOK, British barque, Captain A. P. Goodman.—Borneo Co.
ANNIE S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "TAIWAN."
Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au20

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer "MARVELLES."
MUNOZ, Master, will leave as above on WEDNESDAY Next, the 29th inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au29

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Fountain opposite the CITY HALL, (granted by kind permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police), on

WEDNESDAY, the 29th August, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m., without reserve,—

A Pair of CHINA PONIES, well Matched, run in Double or Single Harness, Steady to Ride and Good Hill Ponies.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot, with all faults and errors of description, to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au29

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

THURSDAY, the 30th August, 1877, at Noon,—

ONE SMALL STEAM ENGINE and BOILER Complete, suitable for a House Gigg.

ONE SELF-ACTING PIANO, by INHOFF and MUKLE, LONDON.

10 Binoculars. 4 Aneroids.

Also,
An Invoice of JAPANESE WARE, comprising: Miako and Satsuma Vases, Tea Cups, Tea Sets, Tea Pots, Bronzes, Swords, Tortoise-shell Plates, Lacquered Boxes, Trays, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au30

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwriter has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 8th September, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m.,—

Sundry Condemned Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising: Old Iron, Glass, Hoses, Lignum-vitæ, a quantity of Canvas, Cordage and Sundries, slightly damaged by fire, Old Casks and Cases, Mess Traps, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au30

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THE S. S. Glenagles having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Underwriter in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 27, 1877. au3

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Aug. 26, Ormoc, Spanish steamer, 224, E. Echevarria, Manila Aug. 23, General.—H. K. K.

Aug. 26, Spartan, British steamer, 987, J. Cooper, Penang Aug. 16, and Singapore 20, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Aug. 26, Marivies, Spanish steamer, 202, Jose Munoz, Manila Aug. 22, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.

Aug. 26, China, German steamer, from Canton.

Aug. 26, Norna, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow Aug. 25, General.—KWOK ACHONG.

Aug. 26, Taiwan, British steamer, 498, M. Young, Tamsui Aug. 21, Taiwanfo 23, and Swatow 25, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Aug. 27, Glenagles, British steamer, 1837, McLean, London July 21, via ports of call, and Singapore Aug. 22, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Aug. 27, Amoy, British steamer, 814, Drows, Shanghai Aug. 24, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Aug. 27, Sun Kae, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 26, Malacca, for Yokohama.

26, London Castle, for Shanghai.

26, Irene, for Whampoa.

26, Formosa, for Whampoa.

26, Howsang, for Shanghai.

26, Yangtze, for Canton.

26, Calcutta, for Malbourne.

27, Echo, for Whampoa.

27, Lombardy, for Shanghai.

27, China, for Shanghai.

27, Onward, for Quinhon.

27, H.M.S. Magpie, for a cruise.

27, Pigo, Portuguese gunboat, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Samos, for Tientsin.

Christian, for Foochow.

Capella, for Keelung.

Jacatra, for Chefoo.

Namoa, for Coast Ports.

Spinaway, for Foochow.

Zamora, for Manila.

Mactan, for Manila.

Escort, for Guam.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Ormoc, from Manila, Messrs Pedro Palm, and John Adams.

Per Glenagles, from London: for Shanghai, Capt. Stuart and Mr Lant, and 14 Chinese for Hongkong.

Per Spartan, from Straits, 170 Chinese.

Per Marivies, from Manila, 102 Chinese.

Per Norna, from Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, 90 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Malacca, for Yokohama, Mr Colahan.

Per Lombardy, for Shanghai, Lieut. Garbett, p.m., and Mr R. S. Raphael.

Per Howsang, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.

Per China, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

Per Onward, for Quinhon, 1 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Mactan, for Manila, 4 Europeans.

Per Namoa, for Coast Ports, 3 Europeans and 300 Chinese.

Per Jacatra, for Chefoo, 1 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Glenagles reports: Leaving Singapore had strong S.W. winds and hard squalls, afterwards light S.W. winds and hot sultry weather.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Light S.W. winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

CARGO.

Per German ship Polynesia, for London, sailed 24th August, 1877:—2,904 bags Sugar, 5,786 boxes Cassia, 400 cases and 70 casks Preserves, 1,924 boxes Camphor, 638 bales Waste Silk, 50 bales Punjun Silk, 125 cases Soy, 226 cases Star Aniseed, 90 cases Essential Oil, 200 boxes Gall Nuts, 133 pgs. Chinaware, 160 pgs. Matting, 61 pgs. Caneas, 237 bales Feathers, and 976 pgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For SWATOW.—
Per NORMA, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

For MANILA.—
Per MACTAN, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per NAMOA, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

For HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.—
Per HOLYWOOD, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per PERNAMBUO, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

For MANILA.—
Per MARIVELLES, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 29th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN & TAMSUI.—
Per TAIWAN, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 29th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet CHINA will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 30th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.
Hongkong, August 18, 1877. au30

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet BELGIO will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.
Hongkong, August 25, 1877. au30

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FAMOR PACKET.—The French Contract Packet IRAOUADY will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 1st Sept., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Assension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Paid to Ceylon only*; they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 31st August.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 1st September.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, August 18, 1877. aol

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, August 29:—
Noon.—Taiwan leaves for Formosa.

Noon.—Marivies leaves for Manila.

4 p.m.—Sale of Ponies, opposite at the City Hall.

THURSDAY, August 30:—
Noon.—Sale of Steam Engine and Boiler, &c., at Lane, Crawford's, Praya Central.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, August 31:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, September 1:—
11 a.m.—Sale of American barkentine Rosina, at Mr J. A. Armstrong's Sale Rooms.

Goods per London Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Amoy and India undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, September 3:—
Goods per Glenagles undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, September 5:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store.

SATURDAY, September 8:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, September 11:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—Holyrood leaves for Hothow, &c.

Noon.—Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

Goods per Tigre undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Auction.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 2, College Gardens.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Via Southern Route.)

LONDON, 24th August, 1877. ENGLAND & CHINA.

The Blue Book just published on the case of the murder of Mr Margary contains an apology from the Emperor of China.

It also contains a report of Sir Thomas Wade on the Chefoo Convention, which implies that he considers the Chinese Embassy in London permanent.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1877.

THE financial position of the City Hall is not quite what might be desired. To meet the outlay necessitated the Committee have been obliged to expend nearly the whole of the \$2,630 subscribed by the Chinese community towards the Museum. This sum was intended for the purchase of mechanical models and other articles of a similar character from Home, and as we believe, these goods have been ordered, the \$2,630 must be forthcoming to pay for them. Under these circumstances the Committee have, we understand, come to the conclusion to make an appeal to the foreign community for a little additional assistance. The season has been a bad

one for the Hall, otherwise the Committee might have required no extra aid, but we feel sure the community will respond to the appeal cheerfully and as liberally as the circumstances require. If any resident is inclined to confer a benefit upon the community generally, it seems to us that this Institution offers an excellent means for giving effect to his desires. The City Hall is an institution of which the Colony has every reason to be proud, and one from which the community derive some amount of benefit and a considerable amount of entertainment. We refer more particularly to the Museum, which contains at the present moment a collection of specimens equalled in very few places in England. The natives still continue to visit the building in large numbers; no less than 118,593 of them being registered in the course of the twelve months. The fact that 14,240 Europeans visited the building during the same period also shows that foreigners find attractions in the building as well as Chinese. The fact is that the building is a very convenient and interesting place in which to while away a spare hour occasionally. The gift and loan collections now number 1,239 articles, and are constantly receiving additions.

THE news of the fighting in the Balkan mountains is a little confusing. Whether the Turks are reconnoitering and attacking the passes held by the Russians from the north or from the south might be a moot point upon the telegraphic intelligence received, but the south appears to be the most probable direction. The General directing the operations is undoubtedly Suleiman Pacha. Now we were informed in several recent telegrams that Suleiman was engaged in marching his troops north of the Balkans—one despatch stated, indeed, that he had arrived at Elena, a town a few miles to the north of the Hankow Pass, where the Russians were stated in a telegram, dated the 21st, to be in a strongly entrenched position, of which Suleiman was reported at the same time to have made a reconnaissance. Of course if Suleiman had arrived at Elena this reconnaissance must have been made from the north, but a later telegram has knocked all these suppositions on the head, and it turns out that Suleiman has never crossed the Balkans at all. The present position of affairs appears to us to be somewhat as follows. The Russians hold the territory from the Danube to the Balkans, between Plevna and probably the neighbourhood of Shumla. There seems to be an impression among some people that the Russians in the passes are isolated, but that is not at all likely. The two passes occupied and fortified by the Czar's troops are the Schipka Pass and the Hankow Pass, and there is nothing in the intelligence received to show that the Russians have not been able to retain their hold of the territory north of these passes. The cutting off of the communications of troops holding these passes would in all probability necessitate their very speedy surrender. Suleiman Pacha appears to be attempting to drive the Russians from the south. Such operations as these must necessitate a great loss of life with very little hope of success. One would imagine the easier way of clearing the passes of the Russians would be to cut their communications on the north. If the Turks can dislodge the Russians from the passes by direct attacks, it is reasonable to suppose the Russians would be able to do the same in turn with the Turks if it were subsequently found necessary, consequently it is difficult to see the object of Suleiman's operations, involving as they do an enormous loss of life. The repulse of his attack on these passes must be something after the nature of a repulse of an attack on a fortress—not likely to have such disastrous results to the attacking force as a severe repulse in the open field. A repulse from the entrance of a pass could not be very readily followed up by throwing a large body of cavalry and infantry on the retreating forces. Therefore Suleiman Pacha's repulse at the Schipka Pass with "enormous loss" is not very ominous for the Turkish cause, even if true. The fighting at these passes, however, proves one important fact—that the Russians were not designedly permitted by the Turks to march through them into Roumelia.

Formosa.

Taiwanfo, Aug. 22, 1877.

Mr Cartwright and Mr Welleley of the Customs service came over here at the end of last month on a most mysterious mission. They are supposed to have been surveying the district for a railway or a telegraph, but they were uncommonly silent on whatever they were about. They have since gone to Foochow, and the Taotai has followed them.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, 13th July, 1877.

I have just been on an expedition which was of a somewhat novel character and a description of which will I doubt not be acceptable to your readers. I had an opportunity afforded me of travelling with the members of the Chinese Legation to Ipswich and back, their Excellencies having determined to make an inspection of Messrs Ransomes' engineering works at that place. Certainly during my stay in China, I never contemplated the possibility of one day finding myself in an express train in England with two Chinese officials and their suite, but as years roll on strange changes are brought about; and stagnant as things seem to be, we shall probably hear of more important changes than that indicated by the above fact are another ten or twenty years have passed away. The members of the Legation were accommodated with a specially-fitted-up saloon carriage having two compartments all very comfortably furnished with chairs, tables &c. Both the Envoys and the larger portion of the suite were among the party, and in addition to Dr Macartney, the English Secretary of Legation, Mr Hillier of the Consular Service was present to assist in the interpretation. The Envoys were both very courteous, especially H. E. Kwo, who chatted easily with all who were introduced to him about a variety of subjects, and certainly showed considerable interest in all that was going on, including the train itself, which even the Chinese were prepared to admit formed a somewhat more convenient way of travelling than the sedan chairs of their own country. I told H. E. Kwo that I had been to his honorable country and had seen something of it, though not so much as I could wish, and added that people here seemed very much flattered by the interest he took in ours. He of course answered with conventional politeness that he was endeavouring to get as much information as he could, &c., and we then went through some further conversation which those of your readers who know the *Tai-eh-oh* will understand and those who do not know it won't care about. I was somewhat surprised (although I have not spoken "Mandarin" for many years past) to find that, contrary to what was the case with the Mandarin's French, such knowledge of this sweet tongue as I possessed came back to me when I was once more surrounded with Chinese life, manners and customs as personified by the Envoys and their suite. I must confess however that before long I began to regret the vanity which had induced me to let it be known that I understood Chinese, and that I had not followed the sage example of the monkeys, who they say won't speak for fear they should be made to work. The operation of explaining in very shaky Mandarin to enquiring Chinese the nature of the country; the names of the different places passed through and the manners and customs of the rural population, while rattling along in an express train at some 50 miles an hour, is a long task in this way with one of the attacks named Yao, who could not understand that we have only one harvest a year and that he lived upon condignly surprised that we had not arrived at harvest time, and that we did not cultivate any tea or cotton. I told him, we obtained the former from his honorable country and the latter from America. While we were standing up discussing on these subjects the train gave a lurch which sent my interlocutor off his Oriental legs, and he subsided for some time into an arm chair, leaving me to the other attack Mr Liu, who directed his attention more to personal enquiries as to my age, past history, present occupations and future prospects. He did not however, push his questions too far, as Chinese so frequently do, but was quite contented with general answers.

I will not tire your readers by a full description of the works &c. at Ipswich. They were all very interesting, but there was considerably more than even a European could understand, and it all that was exhibited—the range being from steam-ploughs and threshing machines up to boilers and steam-engines generally. Of course their Excellencies expressed themselves very much delighted, and I am inclined to think (which is quite a different thing) that they really were somewhat struck with the mechanical marvels which were shown to them. How far however they will be inclined to adopt them is of course quite another question; but I am disposed to think that they have a leaning towards railways, and would be willing to have something more in that way in their country than the little line from Wootton to Shanghai, did they not fear that political difficulties might arise from their doing so.

The Chinese connected with the Embassy are gradually getting to understand English ways, and some of them can do excellent justice to a foreign luncheon, appreciating "devil dishes" in a way that would astonish those in China who believe in the tradition set on foot by the "boys" that Chinamen "can eat chow-chow w foreigning." However they get through this as well as other ceremonies very comfortably, and evidently seemed to appreciate the excursion, two of the attaches amusing themselves by travelling on the engine on the way down. Who will say now that China does not progress?

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

August 27, 1877.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.
Lung Aing, a Chinese, and Tai Ayt, a chairman, were brought up for assaulting one Lee Ayt, a cook in a silver-smith's shop in Square Street, with an iron bar. The defendants and others went to the shop and inflicted the assault without the complainant knowing what it was for. The defendants simply denied the charge, saying that they were arrested by mistake, but it was reported that a woman was, as usual,

at the bottom of it, the complainant's shop being in close proximity to a house of ill-fame. Fined \$10, and to give security in \$25 for three months to keep the peace.

A BEGINNING.

Philip Chik, a boy on board the British barque *St. Elmo*, was charged with stealing a coat from a clothes-seller at Talingpian. The defendant, it was alleged, went to the shop to bargain for the purchase of some old clothes, and when the complainant had his eyes turned, the defendant appropriated the jacket in question. The defendant said he bought the coat for 10 cents. Three days' solitary confinement and to be placed on board at the expiration of his sentence.

A WELL-MERITED PUNISHMENT.

Leung Ahing, a boatman, was charged with having exposed his person to his sister-in-law who got into a quarrel with him. The offence was deliberately committed as proved by the apprehending Constable. The Magistrate sent him to 14 days' hard labour without the option of a fine.

MORE ASSAULT.

Suffor Ali, watchman to Mr F. R. Bellion, was charged by Lal A Bing, chair-coolie to the Hon. the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale, with an assault. The complainant stated that his master had permission to get water from Mr Bellion's premises, and yesterday while the complainant went to fetch water the defendant turned him away and struck him, so that he became insensible. His companion was also assaulted. Fined \$5.

INTIMIDATION.

Wong Apo, a hawker, was charged with intimidating a witness who had given evidence against a friend of the defendant's for creating a disturbance in a house of ill-fame. Fined \$5 and to give security in \$25 to keep the peace for three months.

DARING ROBBERY &c.

Ching Afuk, a chair coolie, was brought up by Sergeant Pang Aoi, with being concerned in the robbery of \$1063 from Capt. Zubiague, of the Spanish steamer *Leyte* on the 16th inst. It may be remembered that at the trial at the Supreme Court, the 2nd prisoner Wong Ato stated that he had given some of the money to a man named Moo-Lam Chai. He could not be found at the time, but was arrested yesterday. He was taxed with having received some of the money, and admitted that he had received \$5 from Wong Ato, and that he had spent it. Six weeks' hard labour for receiving stolen goods.

PERSONATING A DISTRICT WATCHMAN.

Chun Awa, a carpenter, was again brought up to answer the charge of personating a district watchman, but as there was no further evidence, the defendant was discharged. It appeared that the district watchman, although possessing the status of Police Constables according to the Ordinance, have never been sworn in as such. It moreover, appeared that they formed a separate independent body, so that personation of their officers was not a punishable offence, as was the case with personating Police Constables.

A MELEE.

Tse Ahon and nine others were charged with fighting on board the S. S. *Spartan*. The defendants were boarding house runners, and they went on board to get customers. They got into a row, in the course of which the 1st defendant was much wounded, so that he had to be sent to Hospital. Remanded till the 29th.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Low Atim, a coolie, was arrested for robbing a Chinaman in broad day-light in Bonham Strand. The complainant, Ching Afuk, stated that he arrived on the 25th from Batavia. Yesterday about 1 p.m., he was walking in Bonham Strand, in front of the Yee Wai Kiu eating house, one of the most populous thoroughfares in the Colony, when he was seized by six or seven men who attacked him unawares. Some of them seized him, while the defendant took part in the robbery. They rifled his pocket and stole \$17. At first he felt a hand tampering with his pocket, and he resisted it with a blow from his hand, but it came to be cut by a dagger which the defendant had. The complainant was also struck slightly on the chest. He also lost a silver tobacco box and when the defendant was arrested, the tobacco box was found on him, as also the dagger. Remanded till the 29th.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

WAR ITEMS.

LONDON, July 20.—The Times says: "Derby spoke in terms befitting the Minister of a State which can easily defend its interests if attacked, but which is not to be moved by political perils." It thinks the discussion will do nothing to disturb the calmness with which the great majority of the people look on the contest. Although the Turks have made a miserable defence thus far, it is agreed that they still have the best position in Europe, and can, if well directed, inflict severe punishment on the invaders. Affairs in Asia are again assuming an interesting shape. Melikoff is receiving large reinforcements. Mukhtar Pasha confronts the Russian army, and if he strikes suddenly will undoubtedly be victorious. In case of much further delay, he will be outnumbered by men and artillery.

Pienna, July 20.—A special from Constantinople says it is publicly stated that the Sultan thinks of abdicating in favor of Youssef Izzedin, son of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, with whom he is frequently in conference.

LONDON, July 20.—A despatch from Pesth announces that Prince Gortchakoff has entered into a formal agreement that the Danubian Principalities shall not participate in the war or receive any territorial aggrandizement after the conclusion of peace.

A levy en masse has been ordered by the Turks in the province of Adrianople.

Eobart Pasha has sailed with two iron-clads for the Black Sea, to supersede Hassan Pasha in command of the fleet.

A letter says: It is known, beyond all doubt, that there are two parties at the Czar's headquarters. One, headed by Prince Gortchakoff, desires that matters be not pushed to extremes, but that, after substantial success, Russia should be satisfied with imposing, under European guarantee, conditions virtually freeing the Christians from Turkish rule, such as Turkey previously enjoyed. The other party, headed by General Ignatieff, urges a definite settlement of the Eastern question, to be dictated in Constantinople. The conditions already de-

termined upon by this party are the cession of Kara, Batum and a portion of Bessarabia; the Danubian to be either opened or closed to every Power, indiscriminately; Turkey to be prohibited to possess a fleet, and Bulgaria, Roumelia, Servia, Roumania, Bosnia and Herzegovina to be independent.

LONDON, July 22.—The London Times calls on the Russian authorities to punish the perpetrators of atrocities on Mussulmans. The reserves have been called out in Greece.

Two Cretan chiefs have taken to the mountains with some followers.

Large camps are being established by the Russians, sufficient to accommodate 200,000 men.

Rustohuk is completely surrounded.

The Russian corps in Dobruddsha has 340 cannon, among which are 80 pieces of siege ordinance intended for the investment of Shumla.

Officials at the Russian Embassy in Berlin say that England's conduct may release the Czar from the disinterested promises he made at the opening of the war.

Prince Gortchakoff is preparing a memorandum of various occurrences at the seat of war, which he considers show that England is not acting in a spirit of strict neutrality.

The Russian press is furious in its attacks on what it calls England's perfidious policy, and predicts serious difficulties.

Turkish troops are moving to prevent the Montenegrins besieging Nicosia.

Hungarian papers applaud England's recent movements, and call for action by Austria.

Constantinople, July 24.—The Porte's circular, charging Bulgarians and Russians with massacring Mussulman inhabitants, gives the names of various Mussulman villages in which the Russians massacred almost all the inhabitants. The circular claims that only one survivor is believed to have escaped of 1,900 inhabitants of the Mussulman village of Bullovan.

The London Times says: The country is once more disturbed by menacing rumors. It will be seen that orders have been sent to prepare several large troop ships for sea. Although Malta is their nominal destination it is expected they will form a part of the force which is to occupy Gallipoli.

LONDON, July 24.—The British barque *Embarassador*, from New York for Melbourne, put into Cape Town, June 27th, in a damaged condition. Captain Prehm, the second officer, and three men were washed overboard.

LONDON, July 24.—Chief Inspector Druscovitch, of the Scotland Yard detective force, who, with several other officers of that force, is awaiting trial on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice in a confidence case, in which a number of betting men were convicted of defrauding the Countess of Goncourt of \$50,000, attempted to hang himself in the House of Detention. He was rescued with difficulty.

DIARY OF THE WAR.

From The Daily Telegraph, July 13th.—Our Adriatic correspondent telegraphs that the result of the skirmish at Plevna has been a substantial success for the Turks. The Ottoman forces are being massed on the flank of the Russians, and heavy fighting is impending. Large bodies of Turkish troops are reported by our Rustohuk correspondent to be massed at Biale, where the Russians also are in great force, both sides apparently preparing to attack. Eupatoria, has been successfully bombarded by a division of Hobsart Pasha's fleet under Hassan Pasha. Several Russian vessels laden with salt, which were anchored under the batteries, were captured.

Moukhtar Pasha, according to a telegram of yesterday's date from our correspondent at Kara, was then at that place, and the Russians in full retreat on Gurnic, across the frontier. The garrison of Bayazid having refused to surrender when summoned by the Turks to do so, Jamai Pasha has begun to bombard the citadel.

From The Standard, July 14th.—The Russians are making a rapid progress through Bulgaria, and have got as far southward as Gabrova, which is close to the Balkans, and not far from the Schipka Pass. Their advance has caused further confusion, as a number of Mussulmans were fleeing before them in the Tirnova district were killed by the Bulgarians.

Russian accounts represent that the siege of Kara, though interrupted, has not been abandoned. The Turks are making preparations for a combined attack on the Russian centre at Zaim. It is publicly stated at Constantinople that communications are still open with both Kara and Bayazid. On account of the relief of St. Peterburg.

From The Morning Advertiser, July 16:—One of our Pera correspondents says that the only news from the Danube is that the Bulgarians, instigated by the Russians, are massing all the Mussulman fugitives from Sitova. They are also slaughtering the inhabitants of all places left unprotected by the Turkish troops, without regard to age or sex.

Our correspondent at Asia telegraphs a confirmation of the raising of the siege of Kara, and adds that it is stated in that city that Jamai Pasha is pursuing the Russians across their own frontier in the direction of Tiflis. Reinforcements for the Turkish army continue to arrive. General Terzibasakoff, reporting to headquarters, says that he found the town of Bayazid, when he relieved the Russian garrison, in such a bad sanitary condition that he was obliged to shorten the stay of his troops in the place. It is denied at St. Petersburg that the Turks have recaptured Ardahan.

From The Daily Express, July 17th.—The Russians appear to have made wonderful progress. On Sunday evening they occupied the heights above Nicopolis, and the town being no longer tenable the Turks retired. The Russian standard was, therefore, hoisted above the town yesterday morning. But the best news from Turkish sources is that the Russian battalions, led by Bulgarian guides, have passed through the Balkans, and arrived, though without artillery, before Yeni Saghra. That the Turks should have left the Schipka Pass unguarded is unaccountable, and it is now stated that they are concentrating all available forces at Adrianople in order to oppose what would appear to have been a terrible surprise. A telegram from Shumla states that a great battle is expected to be fought near Ragrad; but as so large an advanced guard of the invading army has already passed the second line of defence, the result of such a battle, should it take place, appears to be comparatively unimportant. The Turks claim

a fresh victory at Bayazid, while, on the other hand, the Russians assert that they have relieved the garrison.

From The Standard, July 18.—The Russian battalions which crossed the Balkans at Hain Boghas defeated the single Turkish battalion posted to dispute the passage; but were afterwards attacked and repulsed by a force under Reout Pasha. The first accounts sent of the Russian advance were much exaggerated by the panic of the inhabitants. The capture of Nicopolis, too, was not effected without severe fighting. The Russians bombarded the place severely for three days, and drove the Turks into the citadel. On the third day the Turks made a sortie, but were driven back by the fire from the Roumanian batteries, and shortly afterwards they surrendered the place. The Russians took six thousand prisoners. Two Turkish monitors have also fallen into Russian hands.

The Varna and Rustohuk Railway is interrupted, and Rustohuk is completely surrounded by the Russians, who are pressing on the siege of that place.

From Berlin we hear that Russia has given a confidential assurance to Austria that while Serbia will keep quiet Roumelia will not be allowed to co-operate to the south of the Danube.

Our correspondent sends us a telegram respecting the condition of Kara after the bombardment, which went on incessantly for twenty-two days. The right wing of the Turks, he adds, after having defeated the Russians near Bayazid, has advanced towards the frontier, and Moukhtar Pasha is encamped near the Russian left wing.

From The Daily Telegraph, July 19:—Telegraphing from Yeni Saghra on Tuesday, our special correspondent, who had accompanied the reinforcements conducted there by Selim Pasha, states that heavy fighting was then going on at the Schipka Pass, through which the Russians were endeavouring to force their way. The Turks were doing their best to resist the attack, which was considered to be very serious.

An official account of the crossing of the Balkans by the Russians has been telegraphed from Tirnova to St. Petersburg. Yesterday evening's *Pottische Correspondenz* publishes a telegram from Sign reporting that the Russian insurgents have defeated the garrison of Livno, and driven it back into the citadel, which they are now besieging.

THE WIMBLEDON COMPETITION.

The Queen's Prize has this year been won by Private Jamieson, of the 15th Lancashire Corps (Liverpool), with an aggregate at the three ranges of 70 points. There was a very close contest between Corporal Jolliffe, 4th Isle of Wight, Sergeant Pattison, 3rd Lanark, and Sergeant M'Auslan, who had each scored 69, and Private Jamieson, who won with his last shot by one point only. The winner is a native of Port Gordon, in Banffshire, and did his first volunteer service with the 5th Elgin, but has been a member of the Lancashire Corps fourteen years. The contest for the China Cup terminated in a victory for the 1st Norfolk, who scored 891 marks. The winners take the Cup and £25; the second in point of number, the 2nd Cheshire, scored 566, and take £15; the third, the 3rd Lancashire, scored 565, and take £10. The International Trophy has been won by the English twenty, who scored 1,426, against 1,258 made by the Irish team. As previously announced, Scotland declined to compete. The Albert prizes were distributed as follows:—At 500 yards, first, £20, Lieutenant Toller, 6th Leicester, 84 points. Second, £15, H. Dyas, Irish Rifle Association, 84. Third, £10, Lieutenant Fenton, 77th Regiment. At 600 yards: Division of the first and second prizes, £17 10s. each, by Private M'Vittie, of the 7th Dumfriess, and Quarter-master Cortis, 1st Sussex, both of whom made the highest possible score of 25. Third, £10, Private Dunlop, London Scottish, 84 points. The Donagel Cup, shot for between regulars and volunteers, has for the first time been won by volunteers. The Prince of Wales's Prize was carried off by Sergeant M'Auslan of the 6th Dumfriess. The Army and Navy Prize was taken by Able-seaman Hampton, of H.M.S. ship *Exeter*.

The Lords achieved a victory over the Commons, for the first time in seven years. Cheltenham won the Public Schools Match, and the boy who made the top score of the victorious team was for the second year in succession winner of the Spencer Cup. The Kolapore Cup was won by England, in single contest with Canada. The Elcho Shield was won by Ireland with a score of 1,668 points, England was second with 1,464, and Scotland last with 1,439. The Princess Louise was present during the Lords and Commons' match.

Miscellaneous.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.—Sometimes, what a dreary, far-away picture of the beautiful had-been it calls up to your memory, when you have loved a fair girl with all the fervour and passionate ardour of a manly nature, when your very soul has caught the inspiration of her presence, and her face been for you the realisation of all that was tender and fair, and pure, and when the loss of this prize has swept over your heart like a sirocco of agony, and left it dry, and bitter, and hard—ten years after to look over an alley fence when hunting for your runaway boy, and see her in the back-yard of a corner grocery, with a dragged calico dress pinned up over a red flannel petticoat, a man's hat perched on her head, and stretching a flapping shirt over a line, while she holds two clothes-pins between her teeth.

—*Burlington Hawkeye*.

A "cute Yankee has succeeded in making sham salmon, which finds a ready market in the poorer parts of London. It is put up in tins and branded just like that which is real and good. The fish itself is believed to be cod, or some inferior kind, coloured and flavoured to imitate as far as possible the genuine article.

Capt. Jones, of the brig *Penelope Sutton*, which has arrived at Berwick from Navassa, America, reports that on June 28, while in latitude 45.15 north, longitude 46.20 west, he passed a lifeboat, from eighteen to twenty-one feet long, with a man and woman on board. The boat was named the *New Bedford*, and was twenty-one days out from New Bedford, bound for London.

Capt. Jones offered the man a rope, but he refused it. His name is Capt. Beaumaris, and he is attempting to cross the Atlantic in this tiny craft, which he built himself. The captain of the ship that fell in with him before the *Penelope Sutton* was told that he was accompanied by his wife and child.

Anyone desirous of learning to what lights a house may be carried should go to Queen's Gate House, St. James's Park, and there see the erections of one Mr Alers Hankey, who seems desirous of emulating the builders of the Tower of Babel on the Plains of Shinar. The newest of these monstrosities is thirteen stories high and quite disfigures the landscape—or rather townscapes—as seen from Buckingham Place.

I hope those entrusted with the safety of the public have looked to it, and that the directors of the Underground Railway have made certain the whole structure may not some day collapse and fill up their railway at St. James's Park Station.

The other day there was a race from Dover to London between the Continental mail express train and a carrier pigeon conveying a document of an urgent nature from the French police.

The pigeon, which was bred by Messrs. Hartley and Sons, of Woolwich, and "homed" when a week old to a building in Cannon Street, City, was of the best breed of homing pigeon known as "Belgian voyagers."

The bird was tossed through the railway carriage window by a French official as the train moved from the Admiralty Pier, the wind being west and the atmosphere hazy, but with the sun shining. For upwards of a minute the carrier pigeon circled round to an altitude of about half a mile, and then sailed away towards London. By this time the train, which carried the European mails and was timed not to stop between Dover and Cannon Street, had got up to full speed, and was proceeding at the rate of sixty miles an hour towards London.

The odds at starting seemed against the bird, and the railway officials predicted that the little messenger would be beaten in the race. The pigeon, however, as soon as it ascertained its bearings took the nearest homeward route in a direction midway between Maidstone and Sittingbourne, the distance "as the crow flies" between Dover and London being seventy miles, and by rail seventy-six and a half.

When the Continental mail express came into Cannon Street station the bird had been home twenty minutes, having beaten Her Majesty's Royal Mail by a time allowance representing eighteen miles.

Great efforts are being made to complete as rapidly as possible the works of the second as well as of the first line of German fortresses. The new forts on the left bank of the Rhine at Cologne, which are originally

intended were not to be finished before the end of next year, are already approaching completion, and will be ready to be occupied by their garrisons during the course of the present summer. The girdle of detached works round the fortress is to be completed by forts on the right bank of the river. Plans and designs for these have been drawn up, and contracts for their execution entered into; but the work is to extend over four years. When completed Cologne will be one of the strongest of German fortresses. At Metz the fort built since the late war at Wolpitz, and named by the Emperor after his Minister of War, General von Kamecke, has been handed over to the engineers, and armed with guns of large calibre and of latest pattern. The garrisons of the other forts are also to be increased in consequence of the increase in the German forces on the French frontier.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 27, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$590 credit, 590.

" Old Patna, cash, 590 credit, 590.

" New Benares, cash, 580 credit, 580.

" Old Benares, cash, 570 credit, 570.

" New Malwa, cash, 605 credit, 605.

" Allowance Teels, 12 a 32.

" Old Malwa, cash, 605 credit, 605.

" Allowance Teels, 12 a 32.

QUICKSILVER, ... 78

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 8/10

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/11

Credits, ... 3/11

Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 1/2

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 224

Calcutta, ... 224

Shanghai, demand, ... 723

" 30 days, ... 723 a 73 1/2

Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 82 prem.

Mexicans, ... 1

Gold Leaf, ... 26.95

English Sovereigns, ... 5.04

Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.04

Discount, ... 8 a 10

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 41 1/2 prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$900

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,850

Chinese Insurance Co., \$250

Yongtze Ins. Association, Tls. 760

North China Ins. Co., Tls. 860

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$640

China Fire Ins. Co., \$168

H.K. & W. Dock Co., 22 1/2 ds.

H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., 12 1/2 ds.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 80

Hongkong Gas Co., \$75

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$60

Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, August 27, 1877.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.030

Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.030

Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.974

THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 85°

Do. 1 P.M. ... 87°

Do. 4 P.M. ... 88°

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 80°

Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 82°

Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 82°

Do. Maximum ... 88°

Do. Minimum over night ... 82°

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

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Hongkong, August 13, 1877. au80

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Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figure denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Poddar's Wharf. 6. From Poddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Belge	3 h	Metcalfe	Brit. str.	2652	Aug. 24	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & San F'isco
China	4 k	Friel	Amer. str.	3886	Aug. 16	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. F'isco
Yama	5 c	Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	Aug. 28	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Glenscales	6 h	Stapani	Brit. str.	117	H. K. & W. pos Dock Co.	Shanghai
Holywood	7 k	McBain	Brit. str.	1887	Aug. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Holhow & Halphong
Lombardy	8 c	McVicar	Brit. str.	333	Aug. 24	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Maetan	9 h	McVicar	Brit. str.	1726	Aug. 25	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Manila
Mariveles	10 k	Braynaga	Span. str.	312	Aug. 26	S. A. Mott, Heaton	Manila
Namoa	11 c	Union	Span. str.	202	Aug. 26	Remedios & Co.	Manila
Norna	12 h	Punchard	Brit. str.	862	Aug. 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Ormooc	13 k	Walker	Brit. str.	606	Aug. 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Swatow
Spartan	14 c	Bohevarria	Span. str.	224	Aug. 26	H. Kier	Swatow
Fortambuco	15 h	Cooper	Brit. str.	987	Aug. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore
Somerset	16 k	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	Aug. 24	Melchers & Co.	Australian Ports
Sunda	17 c	Torrance	Brit. str.	654	Aug. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama
Taiwan	18 h	Reeves	Brit. str.	1704	Aug. 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Tamsui, &c.
V. Cores de Vries	19 c	Young	Brit. str.	408	Aug. 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Holhow
Washi	20 h	Brit. str.	334	June	Hok Moh Leong	Repairing
.....	21 c	Hunter	Brit. str.	209	Aug. 21	Landstein & Co.	K'long Dock
Sailing Vessels							
A. E. Vidal	4 k	Schreiber	Ger. bge.	382	Aug. 21	Wieler & Co.	San Francisco
A. S. Davis	5 k	Ford	Amer. sh.	1399	June 19	Russell & Co.	New York
Aberlady	6 k	Neoll	Brit. bge.	735	Aug. 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Adm.	7 k	Horn	Ger. sh.	867	Aug. 8	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	London
Amph	8 k	Amph	Brit. bge.	468	Aug. 10	Adamson, Bell & Co.	London
Amph	9 k	Amph	Am. bktine.	456	Aug. 10	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London
Amph	10 k	Amph	Brit. bge.	592	Aug. 18	Melchers & Co.	London
Amph	11 k	Amph	Brit. bge.	1031	Aug. 10	Meyer & Co.	London
Amph	12 k	Amph	Amer. bge.	626	Aug. 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	London
Amph	13 k	Amph	Ger. bge.	388	Aug. 19	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	London